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"Millions of people who work in healthcare will lose their jobs."

THE FACT

About 1 million jobs will change, and the bill protects those workers. National Improved Medicare for All (bill H.R. 3069 in the United States House of Representatives) replaces private health insurance with one public plan. The jobs that go away are mostly insurance company and billing paperwork jobs. The bill sets aside funds to help every one of those workers land on their feet.

HOW THE BILL PROTECTS WORKERS

The bill includes a "just transition" plan: a promise to take care of workers who lose their jobs because of the change. It is paid for by the program itself.

1. **Money set aside.** At least 1% of the National Improved Medicare for All budget for the first five years goes only to helping those workers.
2. **Paychecks keep coming.** Office and billing staff who lose their jobs can get pay to replace their wages while they look for new work.
3. **School is paid for.** Workers who want to learn a new trade or move into a new field get their full tuition and school costs covered.
4. **Retirement stays safe.** Money is set aside so workers keep the pensions and retirement savings they earned.
5. **First in line for new jobs.** Former insurance workers get hired first for office, claims, and oversight jobs under National Improved Medicare for All.

WHAT CHANGES UNDER NATIONAL IMPROVED MEDICARE FOR ALL

- ✓ **One public plan covers everyone.** Private insurance companies cannot sell plans that duplicate services covered by National Improved Medicare for All.
- ✓ **Much less billing paperwork** at doctors' and dentists' offices, clinics, hospitals, and nursing homes, so fewer billing jobs are needed.
- ✓ **About 1 million workers,** not "millions," are expected to be affected.
- ✓ **New paths into patient care.** Workers with medical backgrounds can retrain for hands-on care, long-term care, and community health jobs, where more workers will be needed.

THE BOTTOM LINE

About 1 million insurance and billing jobs will go away. Medicare for All does not leave those workers behind. It pays to replace their wages, cover school or retraining, protect their retirement, and put them first in line for new jobs.

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